**Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Regional Crisis Team**

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Dear Colleagues:

The Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Regional Crisis Team was established in 1999 after the tragic events at Columbine High School prompted us to take proactive measures to assist our component school districts should they need additional assistance in the aftermath of a serious crisis situation related to a national disaster, school violence or the death of a school community member.

The Regional Crisis Team, as it is organized today, consists of volunteers from various school districts and other community mental health agencies in the region. They are available to provide onsite support (consultation, counseling, etc.) and follow-up (debriefing, assessment, etc.) services after the occurrence of a serious school crisis.

In the event that your school district experiences a serious crisis situation and you need to activate the Regional Crisis Team, please refer to the attached *Crisis Response Process* which provides step-by-step procedures for requesting assistance. Please feel free to forward this information to your building principals and/or anyone else in your school district who may find it useful.

The Regional Crisis Team looks forward to continuing to provide our component school districts with timely assistance and quality service in response to serious school crises in the coming year. If you need any further information or have any questions, please feel free to call me at 914-248-2310.

Sincerely,

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